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CROP PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 2018

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 163,000 480-lb bales, according to the September 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is down 5 percent from the August 1 forecast, but up 29 percent from last year's crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 65,000 acres, up 19,000 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 150,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 33 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,108 pounds per acre, down 74 pounds from the August 1 forecast and down 71 pounds from last year. As of September 2, 13 percent of upland cotton bolls had opened, compared with 8 percent last year and the five-year average of 24 percent. The cotton crop was rated 10 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 8 percent excellent as of September 2. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 6,900 acres, down 500 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 13,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 13,300 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 904 pounds per acre, up 139 pounds from the August 1 forecast and 41 pounds more than last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 19.7 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from August but down 6 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 895 pounds per harvested acre, down 16 pounds from last month and down 10 pounds from last year. Harvested area for all cotton is expected to total 10.6 million acres, down 5 percent from 2017. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 18.9 million 480-pound bales, down 6 percent from 2017. Upland harvested area is expected to total 10.3 million acres, down 5 percent from last year. **Pima cotton** production, forecast at 771,000 bales, is up 10 percent from last year. Pima cotton harvested area, at 245,400 acres, is down 2 percent from 2017.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.